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HAMBURG, "DER SPIEGEL," WEEKLY NEWS MAGAZINE IN ITS JUNE 13 ISSUE CARRIES A COVER PORTRAIT OF PRINCE CONSORT BERNHARD OF THE NETHERLANDS WITH THE CAPTION "BETWEEN THE QUEEN AND RASPUTIN."

THIS REFERS TO A 6-PAGE STORY ABOUT INTRIGUES AT THE DUTCH ROYAL COURT, REVOLVING AROUND A SPINSTER, AGED 61, BY THE NAME OF GREET HOFMANS, WHO IS WIELDING AN UNFAVORABLE INFLUENCE ON QUEEN JULIANA. GREET HOFMANS IS A QUACK CLAIMING TO HAVE DIRECT CONTACT WITH JESUS, WHICH ENABLES HER TO CURE THE YOUNGEST PRINCESS OF HER PARTIAL BLINDNESS. SINCE THE QUEEN CONTINUES TO PLACE HER TRUST IN THE QUACK, WHOM PRINCE BERNHARD HAS EVICTED FROM THE ROYAL HOME, THERE HAS BEEN AN ESTRANGEMENT IN THE MARRIAGE OF THE DUTCH ROYAL COUPLE, WHICH THREATENS TO AFFECT POLITICAL LIFE IN THE NETHERLANDS.

THE FOLLOWING TWO PASSAGES IN THE ARTICLE DEAL WITH AMERICAN INTEREST IN THE AFFAIR:

"THE AMERICAN SECRET SERVICE IN THE HAGUE, WHICH IS WATCHING THE CASE BY ORDER OF ITS CHIEF, ALLEN DULLES, IS ONCE AGAIN FACED WITH A EUROPEAN ENIGMA: AN AFFAIR WHICH SEEMS TO SPRING FROM OBSCURE SUPERSTITION IS CONSTITUTING A THREAT, IN THE ATOMIC AGE, TO THE DOMESTIC POLITICAL STABILITY OF A NATO STATE."

"ALLEN DULLES' CONFIDENCE MEN HAVE SENT A CODED CABLE ACROSS THE ATLANTIC, REPORTING THAT THERE IS NO MORE POLITICAL SUBSTANCE EVIDENT AMONG THE WIRE-PULLERS AND FOLLOWERS OF THE QUACK THAN THE WISH FOR MORE INFLUENCE AND POWER. BUT IT IS JUST THESE MOTIVES WHICH ARE APT TO INTRODUCE AN ELEMENT OF INSECURITY INTO NETHERLANDS POLITICS WHICH WOULD HAVE GRAVE EFFECTS ON ALL THREE BENELUX STATES AND THUS ON PARTS OF THE NATO PACT."

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